

Garfield Redevelopment Agency
111 Outwater Lane
Garfield, NJ 07026

Minutes of Meeting held on
January 4, 2016

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Andreano at 7:02 PM.

The Vice Chairman announced compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The following commissioners were present:

Vice Chairman Arthur Andreano
Commissioner Ernest Rosolen
Commissioner Arthur Rotio
Commissioner Raymond Simione
Commissioner Peter Amadio
Commissioner Joseph Delaney

Absent: Chairman Roger Hetel
Executive Director / Secretary Thomas J. Duch

Others Present: Frank Regan, Esq., GRA Attorney
Susan Bischoff, Stenographer
Patricia Esposito, Asst. Secretary
Roy Riggitano, Finance Officer
Bernard Mirandi, P.E., Boswell Engineering

Executive Director Duch advised Finance Officer Roy Riggitano that he would be late for the meeting and asked the Finance Officer to preside over the meeting and proceed with the RFQ process.

MINUTES

Finance Officer Riggitano asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Simione and passed on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

At the request of Executive Director Duch, Finance Officer Roy Riggitano proceeded with the RFQ process. RFQ's were opened in the presence of all the Commissioners. RFQ's were received as follows:

Auditor	-	Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP
Counsel	-	DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP
Civil Engineer	-	Boswell McClave Engineering
Environmental Engineer	-	Boswell McClave Engineering
Planner	-	Burgis Associates, Inc.

At the next meeting the resolutions will be presented to appoint the professional to these positions. At that time a request will be made for the professionals to present a formal agreement for review and acceptance by the Agency.

Attorney Regan advised that the positions of Executive Director, Secretary, Finance Officer and Assistant Secretary do not have to be reappointed by resolution.

A motion to appoint Roger Hetel as Chairman was made by Vice-Chairman Andreano, seconded by Commissioner Rotio and passed on voice vote.

A motion to appoint Arthur Andreano as Vice-Chairman was made by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Rotio and passed on voice vote.

A motion to appoint Thomas J. Duch as Executive Director and Secretary was made by Commissioner Amadio, seconded by Commissioner Rosolen and passed on voice vote.

A motion to appoint Patricia Esposito as Assistant Secretary was made by Commissioner Rotio, seconded by Commissioner Amadio and approved on voice vote.

A motion to appoint Roy Riggitano as Finance Officer was made by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Rotio and passed on voice vote

RESOLUTIONS

No Resolutions

VOUCHERS

Finance Officer Riggitano presented the bills. A motion as made to pay the bills by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Amadio and passed on voice vote.

Executive Director Duch arrived at the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Executive Director Duch advised that he received an email from Ed Hynes (Greater Bergen). They are coordinating a meeting between Greater Bergen, Joseph Burgis (Planner) and Boswell Engineering. He also said that Greater Bergen did an amazing job decorating the Randazzo Building. They also met at Fire Co. #1 and walked the streets.

No Citizens or Taxpayers

Bernard Mirandi, P.E. of Boswell Engineering gave a quick update on Meredia Transit. He met with their project manager and representatives of the engineering firm. There are a couple of concerns:

1. DPW crews had to clean the sewer lines.

2. Representatives of the developer met with Boswell – reviewed issues that needed to be addressed.
3. Develop an access road in the southeast corner of the site.
4. Clean up of the graffiti.
5. Project Manager stated he expected work to commence by end of this week, early next week.
6. Moving forward with sewer relining. Engineer working with Developer. Work should be commencing shortly.

Executive Director Duch spoke about Coremark Redevelopment. He stated that the 6' fence on Columbus Avenue side of the Wa-Wa redevelopment site has been installed. It has been installed right next to the curb. They followed the same pattern as on the Jewell Street side. The monument has been installed.

Executive Director Duch spoke about GSP Redevelopment. Out of the 187 townhouses, 183 have been sold. They have lowered the price. Apartments are getting closer to completion. He met with the Association. They are taking over from the developer. They have asked that the bond not be released to the developer.

Motion to close meeting was made by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Simione and passed on voice vote. Meeting closed at 7:35 PM.